

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY AND TO MONITOR THE INTEGRATED STATE ENERGY PLAN AND OTHER ISSUES.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, for the past twelve years, the Legislature has adopted concurrent resolutions that authorized the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of energy, environment and technology related issues from both the statewide perspective and the national perspective and to submit a final report to the Idaho Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the Legislature felt the state of Idaho needed to have an integrated state energy plan that provides for the state's power generation needs and protects the health and safety of the citizens of Idaho and the products produced in this state; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has substantial power needs in the near future, and the goal of the 2007 Integrated State Energy Plan is to ensure that those needs will be met; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the 2007 Integrated State Energy Plan to maintain the health, safety and welfare of Idaho's citizens, the quality and financial security of existing agricultural businesses and industries, the economic growth of the state of Idaho, and the environmental quality and natural resources of this state; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal that the 2007 Integrated State Energy Plan be a living, vibrant document; and

WHEREAS, the committee met in 2007 and 2008 and monitored the 2007 Integrated State Energy Plan, followed the fluctuation in petroleum prices and heard testimony regarding issues facing regulated utilities, municipal utilities and cooperatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of the 2007 Integrated State Energy Plan that provides for the state's power generation needs and protects the health and safety of the citizens of Idaho and the products produced in this state, and make any recommendations for necessary changes in both state law and the plan regarding energy in the state and to monitor other energy, environment and technology related issues. The Legislative Council shall determine the number of legislators and membership from each house appointed to the committee and shall authorize the committee to receive input, advice and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nonlegislative members of the committee may be appointed by the cochairs of the committee who are appointed by the Legislative Council. Non-legislative members of the advisory committee shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's recommendations or proposed legislation.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make a progress report to the
2 Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature and report its findings, recommen-
3 dations and proposed legislation, if any, to the First Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho
4 Legislature.